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SUBJECT: UNEXPLAINED DECLINE IN NUMBER OF BOAT REFUGEES AR-

EMBASSY SHOULD BE AWARE THAT AS OF MID-MONTH, ONLY 676 BOAT
REFUGEES HAVE ARRIVED IN MALAYSIA IN AUGUST. THIS IS A SIG-
NIFICANT DROP FROM THE FIGURES FOR MAY, JUNE AND JULY, WHICH
AVERAGED 3,300 PER MONTH. THIS DECLINE MAY BE DUE TO BAD
WEATHER, BUT WE ARE CONCERNED THAT IT MIGHT ALSO BE THE RE-
SULT OF INCREASING REFUSALS BY LOCAL MALAYSIAN AUTHORITIES
TO PERMIT THE REFUGEES TO LAND. EMBASSY JAKARTA SHOULD BE
ALERT TO ANY UPSURGE OF REFUGEES IN INDONESIA WHICH WOULD RE-
SULT FROM SUCH A PRACTICE IN MALAYSIA. IF SUCH AN UPSURGE
OCCURS, WE SHOULD LIKE TO KNOW ASAP, AND SHOULD LIKE YOU TO
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INTERVIEW THE REFUGEES CONCERNED PROMPTLY AND REPORT ON THEIR
TREATMENT ON ARRIVAL IN MALAYSIA. CHRISTOPHER

RIVING IN MALAYSIA

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